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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT : Breakdown of Soviet Aircraft Strength, by Types

With respect to our recent conversation concerning the Soviet Air Force, the table below contains the current joint Air Force-Navy breakdown of the estimated over-all Soviet aircraft strength of 20,000 planes. In substance, this breakdown has been the basis for formally agreed National Estimates on this subject, concurred in by each of the Intelligence Advisory Committee agencies.

ESTIMATED AIRCRAFT STRENGTH BY TYPES

(Approximate Figures Based on T/O&E Strength)

FIGHTER

Jet

3,800

Piston

5,700

9,500

ATTACK

2,850

LIGHT BOMBER

Jet

200

Piston

4,550

4,750

MEDIUM BOMBER

700

TRANSPORT

1,100

RECONNAISSANCE

1,100

TOTAL

20,000

This estimated breakdown is, of course, subject to continuing study, particularly with respect to Soviet jet fighter strength. At the present time, three of the Intelligence Advisory Committee agencies are reviewing previous estimates of Soviet jet fighter production, and these studies, when completed, may lead to a change in the foregoing estimated breakdown.

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